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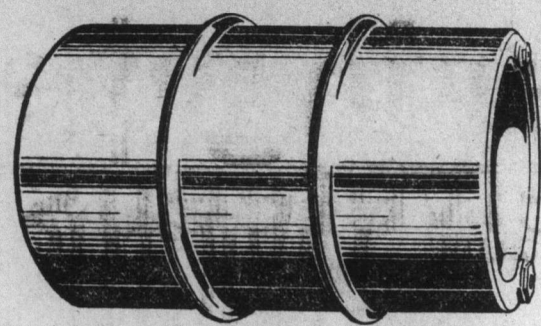


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War News.

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PRaises FOR THE ALLIES.

LONDON, May 24. That the second phase of the Italian offensive, begun yesterday, is meeting with remarkable success, was announced by General Maurice, Director of Operations at the British War Office today. The entire Italian effort of the past ten days was praised by General Maurice, yet the Italian offensive, he continued, was only made possible by the thorough offensive work of the Anglo-French forces during the past few weeks. If we had not been keeping the Germans busy the Italians would not only have found an offensive impossible, but would actually have been faced by a great Austro-German attack. General Maurice also had high praise for the work of the French during the past week, which, he said, was far more important strategically than the map indicates. The British have been for the past week, he said, in the mist of those lulls which is a necessary development of long continued modern battles. The present lull is exactly like the lull during the battle of the Somme. The enemy's communications during the past week are interesting, as indicating a loss of morale and jumpiness of his troops who repeatedly report development of British offensives at spots where we never made the slightest offensive move beyond the usual artillery work. Discussing the battle of Arras as a whole, General Maurice said: "Our attacks have been of great significance to the continuance of the captures of the Germans by the Entente forces on the Franco-Belgian front. The German army, he commented, has done everything to impress the men they must not surrender. Von Hindenburg recently issued an order to every unit

that no commander should allow his men to surrender under any circumstances. Any soldier giving himself up is committing an act of treachery, for which he will be duly punished after the war. Any commander who surrenders ground will be held summarily to account.

LAURIE DENIES REPORT.

OTTAWA, May 24. Sir Wilfred Laurier, leader of the Liberal party, authorized an emphatic denial of the reported statement of Tancredi Marsil, at the Montreal anti-conscription meeting, that he had received a letter from Sir Wilfred Laurier in which the latter stated he proposed to oppose conscription and extension of the life of Parliament. No such communication was ever written or sent. Sir Wilfred authorized Senator David to issue this statement.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK.

LONDON, May 24. The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4th, with a loss of 413 persons, it was announced today.

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.

MONTREAL, May 24. The atmosphere of this city is becoming surcharged with the movement against conscription. Numerous gatherings are being held to-night to protest against the measure. Denunciations of the Borden Government, as well as demands for a general election, are being made in language that borders on inflammatory and seditious. Emphasis on the growing disposition amongst a certain class of the younger men to cause trouble because of the pronouncement of Premier Borden on the conscription question was brought out this morning in connection with a parade of several thousand men that primarily was meant to be a protest against the high cost of food but which developed into an anti-conscription parade, which was followed by a fight at Phillips' Square between two soldiers and some civilians who had been parading. The parade itself was orderly. Banners bearing these mottoes were conspicuous and were supplemented with cries along similar lines, "Down with Conscription," "Give us a new Government," "We Want Elections," "Down With Trusts," "Degregatory cries about Sir Robert Borden and cries of 'Vive Laurier' were heard from men in the parade as it wended its way from La Fontaine Park to Phillips' Square

where it disbanded. The row in Phillips' Square was precipitated by a returned military officer and private endeavoring to wrest one of the banners from a civilian in the parade. Pleistouts were indulged in, but as no person engaged in it was seriously hurt, the police took no action.

QUEBEC IN LINE WITH MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, May 23. "Down With Conscription," was the sentiment which prevailed at the gathering in Park Lafontaine to-night estimated between 15,000 and 20,000, largely comprised of men whose ages run from 15 to 30. The open air meeting having been called for the purpose of opposing Conscription, M. Britton, who presided, said it was the duty of all men to "protest against this damned Conscription." Further he said, "Let us show the Government that the French-Canadians are not sheep." He considered that Canada had done her whole duty when she sent 40,000 of our fellow citizens to England. Tancredi Marsil, proprietor of the local French daily, La Liberté, said he had received a letter from Sir Wilfred Laurier in which the Liberal chief said he would oppose the prolongation of Parliament and Conscription. "I want to register this statement," said Marsil, "that before we have Conscription we will have revolution." Marsil said the French-Canadians were ready to do their duty as volunteers to defend the Empire but they did not want Conscription, especially Conscription imposed by a Government which has no mandate from September, 1916. We claim, he said, general elections so as to put an end to this Government.

Urbain Papquin, a young newspaper man, said, "Borden has come home here to murder some more thousands of citizens. This measure he proposes is organized murder." Stating that General Hughes had said in Toronto that Conscription was only to be applied to places where they had not done their duty, Mr. Papquin said, "that means that they want to take men from the French-Canadian race where the women are not afraid of having children. He was in the midst of a sentence in which he asked that protestation be made, and was saying, 'If these means do not prevail,' when he was interrupted by cries, 'we will take other means.' The meeting was orderly but was watched by a large force of policemen.

ITALIAN VICTORY.

ROME, May 23. General Cadorna announces having pierced the Austrian lines between Castanazza and the sea and capturing Caniano with 9,000 prisoners, including three hundred officers.

BRAZIL.

WASHINGTON, May 23. Brazil's entry into the war is regarded here as a question merely of days. Those who have watched South American developments closely believe the sinking of the steamer Tijuca, of which the Brazilian Government has received official notification, may provide the incident required to place the more pacific members of the Brazilian Congress on the list of those willing to vote for active hostilities against Germany. The President of Brazil asked Congress yesterday to revoke the declaration of neutrality. If Congress accepts his suggestion, a formal declaration of war probably will follow immediately. Brazil was one of the first South American countries to sever relations with Germany.

An Amsterdam despatch states that the Roman Catholic newspaper Tyd, says it understands on good authority that in accordance with the wish of Pope Benedict, the Austrian Court is initiating a new peace effort.

The Italian official mission, headed by the Prince of Udine, son of the Duke of Genoa and first cousin of King Emmanuel, arrived at Washington yesterday, for conferences with United States officials similar to those of the British and French missions. Other members of the mission are Marconi, the wireless inventor, and Marquis Luisa Borsarelli Di Freddo, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

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